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From East to West: Spiritism is finally taking off in the U.S.!

New centers, new faces, more people involved in this beautiful movement that is bringing compassion, heart-centeredness and charitableness to higher levels in America.

SPIRITISM

a message of solidarity and peace



In this issue of *SpiritistNews*, we report great news on the Spiritist expansion in the U.S. In the west, the Spiritist Society of San Diego was just founded through the efforts of Anisio and Susana Resem. In the East, The Inner Enlightenment Spiritist Society was just launched on August 7, 2007. These summer months have been a beacon of light in the Spiritist movement. Unity among Spiritists throughout the United States has increased its prosperity and efficacy in spreading the message that promises to transform lives in America!

Spiritual Influences

The topic of controlling influences is a very serious one. To consider the roles that spirits have in our lives is to deeply contemplate ourselves and all that occurs around us... *pgs. 2 and 3*

Books that change lives

In the letter to the editor section (*pg. 2*), you will read two small, but uplifting, testimonials of people who is incarcerated. They reported how their concept of life have changed after read spiritist books.

Is God a Reality?

God is not an invention or a by-product of human education or culture. Rather, the natural intuition of the divine by primitive societies indicates that the existence of God is intrinsic to the human spirit... *pg. 4*

What really happens during war?!

Being physically distant from the battlefields may give us an apparent feeling that no war is actually taking place. In spite of that, as the years go by, a great number of American families are resenting the effects of the war... *pg. 5*

Spiritist Events increase in the U.S.

From the east to the west coast, more Spiritists are taking the challenge to bring the Spiritist teachings to a larger audience in America. From retreats to workshops, the message has been spread faster than ever in the last two months... *see pgs. 6 and 7*

Upcoming Events

Get ready for more events in the U.S.! In the next few months, workshops, talks, events and special celebrations will take place in several locations... Find one closest to you and join this banquet of peace and harmony! *see pg. 8.*

Be calm.
Life, as a state of struggle, can be good;
but the state of war is never a life.

- Andre Luiz/Chico Xavier

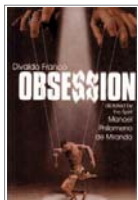
Spiritism in the news

The Spiritist view of indigo and crystal children has brought interest of the media in Buffalo, NY. Read more on *pg. 8.*

Controlling Influences

The topic of controlling influences is a very serious one. To consider the roles that spirits have in our lives is to deeply contemplate ourselves and all that occurs around us.

I read the book *Obsession* by Manoel Philomeno de Miranda/Divaldo Franco, which I highly recommend to anyone interested in the impact and degree of controlling influences in our lives. It provides a perfect example of how our lives can be affected by spirits and how many people close to us, including loved ones, medical providers and clergy, are so unaware of the origin of the trouble.



The Spirits' Book is another priceless resource that provides an enormous amount of answers. Before finishing one question and its answer, I found myself racing to the next for deeper clarification. I wanted more. I was very thirsty for what I read. The words are easily digested and understood, to-the-point and honest.

On a personal level, I gained a deeper meaning between simple obsession, fascination and subjugation, and tools for how to recognize each form. While understanding how spirits influence

our lives, it is shocking to realize the magnitude of their reach on so many unsuspecting incarnates. Being more aware of this, I feel a great sense of urgency to assist the good spirits completely in order to help others. Now more than ever, I am compelled to share the words and Spiritist philosophy.

It is true that if we all work together, we can do much good. I feel now the importance of being vigilant and "on guard" in my daily routine for my own personal awareness. The tools I learned from the above mentioned books are extremely important: inner transformation, resistance, perseverance, prayer, passes are tools we all can incorporate into our lives in order to overcome the influences of negative spiritual influence.

Prayer for the suffering and frivolous spirits is also essential. It has given me in my own life great peace in many personally difficult moments. By praying for those who are persistently negative, incarnates and discarnates, I can lift the heavy blanket of despair from my body. As I pray for the suffering spirits and feel the relief brought, I say a prayer of thanks to God for being so kind. ■

- by Becky Stafford



*Every seed bears its fruit,
but the fruit of the good
seed is always sweeter.*

- *The Spirits' Book*, q & a 810

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Julio Carvalho, president of the *Divine Light Spiritist Center* in New Jersey, works at the Mental Health Department of the Unity County Jail in Elizabeth, NJ. Therein, he has been able to establish a beautiful program of assistance in which he also gives Spiritist books to the inmates. It has been a therapeutic approach for the souls of many who face challenges. Below, you will read some of the letters that the inmates wrote to Julio in gratitude to the Spiritist teachings they have learned.

LETTER #1

Brothers and sisters, This letter is to express my gratitude for the literature I've received and for the interest you've taken in offenders such as myself. "The door to repentance has been opened to me through this newly obtained knowledge." The Spirits' Book was very informative. That alone with

the Holy Bible, which I had already taken a huge interest in. During my moment of outer desperation (hopelessness), Christ seemed to be the only one I could turn to. He has been with me ever since...

This information has turned me into a new creature. "I can no longer claim ignorance." I know now that I have a duty, an obligation to uphold. There is work to be done. "God works" through ministry, through my testimony. I believe of course I can save many souls...after I save my own.

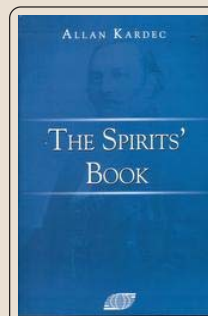
The Spirits' Book is a great instructional manual, explaining just how to piece together life. I have wasted enough time selfishly overindulging in vices. So, to make up for the time I have lost, I plan to do good. Others need my help. The conquest for spiritual purification is at hand.

*Seeking progress,
- Frederick James McBrim*

LETTER #2

"I've finished reading [the book] Obsession [by Divaldo Franco] and [I'm] ¾ way through The Gospel According to Spiritism. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss it with you. I'm full of questions yet full of joy. The understanding I'm gaining to the vastness of "love"; it's awesome. Love really does conquer all. Here, there and everywhere...

*Thank you,
- Lorrie Mortarulo*



The Spirits' Book,
by Allan Kardec,
was published in Paris,
France on April 18, 1857.
It contains 1019
questions and answers.

**This year we are
celebrating its 150th
anniversary.**

BLAMING OTHERS

It is human nature to blame others for the problems that we face throughout life. We insist in looking for an excuse not to take ownership of our own condition. In doing so, we continually deteriorate our relationships because we always try to blame others for our suffering. However, it doesn't stop at the physical level. Once we gain knowledge of spiritual influences, we tend to blame them as well for the sufferings that we experience.

The life condition that we face today is certainly a product of our past. However, before reincarnating most of us have the ability to plan the major events of our lives, our objectives, health, family, and even wealth. During our stay here on earth these events will unfold naturally with the enlightenment of our Mentors or Spiritual Guides. They will guide us and help us to overcome the obstacles that we may have to face. This enlightenment or influence does not come in the form of a miracle, but through subtle ways that we may perceive as a thought, a feeling, or even indirectly through another person. Let us not forget that our Mentors will never overstep the Natural Laws and they will always respect our ability to choose, our FREE WILL.

By analyzing other conditions, we face the problem of negative influences. In many cases, these influences are allowed by our Creator to test our self-control. These unwanted spirits may be attracted by our thoughts during this life time or may even be enemies from our past. The unwanted influences will continue until we maintain a connection with these spirits. In most cases these influences are based on our behaviors and vices which attract the unhealthy spirits. However, instead of looking for the answers for our problems within us, we tend to blame others for our physical and spiritual unbalances. Many individuals who accept the spiritual thought

believe that we can stop or cease these bad influences by bargaining with spirits and give them offerings or material goods. In other cases, they even believe that they can deceive spirits by changing a physical aspect of their lives i.e., changing home furniture, rearranging rooms or even physically moving to another home. But, this is not true because our connection with these spirits is established inside of us by our thoughts, feelings and actions.



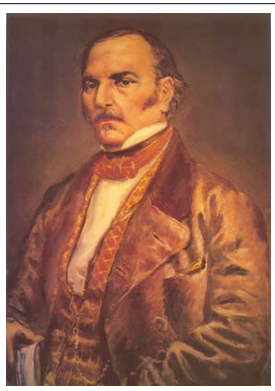
In *The Spirits' Book*, second part of the question 531, Kardec asks - *Can we end this kind of persecution? And if so, how?* - The superior Spirits then give us the following enlightenment - "*Often you can do it by praying for them, returning good for their wrong-doing, and gradually making them see that their actions are mistaken. In all cases, if you can show that you have the patience to rise above their antagonism, they will stop attacking you, since they have nothing to gain by continuing.*"

This idea of praying for others is not only a great new start, but is also a way to take responsibility for our wrong doings, allowing ourselves to forgive and to be forgiven. In addition to the lovely guideline mentioned above, we can seek good relationships, moral, intellectual, and spiritual education, and always connect with God.

God, the Supreme Intelligence, the First Cause of all things, gives us the ability to plan our reincarnation with our Mentors who willingly guide us during our earthly stay. Also, He allows us to carefully fix unfortunate problems of the past, letting us make our own choices. Let us not, then, blame others for our problems when we know that they result from our own stubbornness and mistakes. ■

- by Leonardo Vieira

Spiritist Facts



1861 - The first edition of *Le Livre des Médiums* [*The Mediums' Book*] is published on January 15. This work comprises Spiritist teachings concerning all kinds of spiritual manifestations, the means with which to communicate with the invisible world, how to develop mediumistic skills, and the difficulties that could arise while attempting to communicate with Spirits. It can be considered the logical continuation to *The Spirits' Book*.

1861 - The second edition of *The Mediums' Book*, revised and corrected with the aid of the Spirits, is offered to the public. This new edition also presents a large number of new comments and instructions.

1861 - On October 9, Bishop Antonio Palau y Termans orders Allan Kardec's books to be burned at a public square in Barcelona, Spain, for being contrary to the Catholic faith.

1862 - Allan Kardec publishes *Le Spiritisme à sa plus simple expression* [*Spiritism in Its Simplest Form*] in February. It presents a summary review of Spirits' manifestations and their teachings.

1862 - *Voyage Spirite en 1862* [*The Spiritist Voyage of 1862*] is published. The work contains observations concerning the general state of Spiritist affairs; instructions given by Allan Kardec to various groups throughout Europe; and instructions as to the formation of groups and societies, as well as model guidelines for their operation.

The Spiritist Review - special edition celebrating Allan Kardec's bicentenary (1804 - 2004) - Published by the International Spiritist Council - ISC.



"Reason requires that an intelligent effect must have an intelligent force as a cause." - Allan Kardec (in *The Spirits' Book*)

A sentence for meditation....

"God is a reality Who is constantly present at our side".

• God is a reality...

God is not an invention or a by-product of human education or culture. Rather, the natural intuition of the divine by primitive societies indicates that the existence of God is intrinsic to the human spirit. Of course, our comprehension of the divine evolves over time and is affected by human culture. The adoration of "Ra - the sun god" by the Egyptians markedly differs from the current Spiritist understanding of a Supreme Intelligence that is "eternal, infinite, unchangeable, immaterial, unique, all-powerful and sovereignly just and good". Like children progressively learning at school, through multiple reincarnations our comprehension of God's laws evolve. Certainly, we do not comprehend all of God's attributes, but we are able to comprehend that God cares about us.

• ... Who is constantly present ...

The establishment of God as something real, albeit not material, does not indicate if God is involved in our current existence or not. This is the idea, unfortunately expressed by many, who believe in God, but represent him/her as an old being with a long, white beard at the top of a mountain and distant from the human struggles on Earth. Fortunately, nothing could be more distant from reality. As Jesus explained:

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" (New International Translation, Matthew 7:9-12).

Therefore, God, through the governor of our planet, Jesus, and all of the superior spirits involved in overseeing our learning experiences of Earth participate daily in our existence. They oversee all of our activities, as incarnates or discarnates.

• ... at our side.

Once we have established that God is real and involved continuously in our experiences on Earth, we can ask the age-old question

about the nature of suffering: What is the meaning of suffering? What is the purpose of difficulties, sufferings, unfortunate situations in life? How about all the sorrows and sufferings in the world? If God is so loving, and we are children of God, shouldn't we enjoy a more perfect, harmonious existence, free of wanting and suffering?

There are several answers to the nature of suffering on Earth. Some of them are: **(I)** the sufferings that we experience now are a natural consequence of mistakes we committed in previous lives. They do not represent a punishment by God, since what is infinite (God) does not punish what is so finite and limited (us). However, these sufferings are effects of our own actions and choices. Therefore, they represent an opportunity for us to learn better, to re-think and re-address our choices; a second chance for us. **(II)** As proposed by the Christian author C.S. Lewis in the book *"Mere Christianity"*, the argument that we should live free of any wanting or suffering on Earth is based on the assumption that such a condition is in our best interest. As explained in *"The Spirits' Book"*, the problem with this assumption, is that our perspective in the spiritual realm differs from our current perspective on Earth, therefore what we consider as "sufferings" can be in fact opportunities of change and re-thinking. **(III)** Suffering serves on Earth as a powerful incentive for change. As many people will admit, it is common to change our diet and incorporate more healthy fruit and vegetables only after an unhealthy condition is developed. Similarly, many will quit smoking only after being diagnosed with cancer. Had we not experienced that, we would continue to make the same mistakes indefinitely.

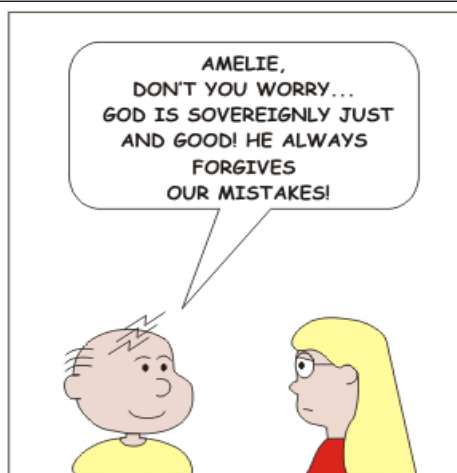
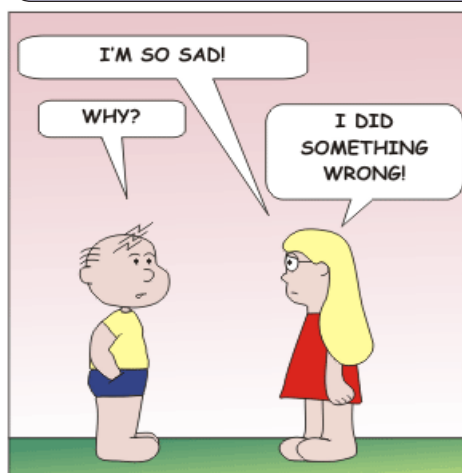


In summary, let's follow the advice of the Superior Spirits and look out for the necessary changes in our lives before we need to endure painful experiences, developing our faith and understanding that God cares passionately about our existence, maintaining our faith in God even at the deepest moment of this existence, and giving God praises for all the happy moments that we also experience together on Earth. ■

- by Luis E. F. Almeida

"True Spiritists can be recognized by their moral transformation and by the efforts they make to overcome their bad tendencies."

- Allan Kardec, in: *The Gospel According to Spiritism*.



War has more than our eyes can see...



Being physically distant from the battlefields may give us an apparent feeling that no war is actually taking place. In spite of that, as the years go by, great number of American families are resenting the effects of the war. When death does not take their lives, other types of death present themselves. Social, psychological and even spiritual deaths are new elements to be faced by thousands or, we may say, millions of Americans. Marriages are being challenged, as the combatants return home. Parenthood becomes an agonizing role in face of the conflicted emotions carried by heavy loaded memories of the horrifying fields of war. These and other problems bring the war zone to the doors of many American families.

Another factor is haunting America as an effect of the war. It is its spiritual reality. "The battlefield lines seem to extend into the lower regions of the spirit world. The volume and detrimental qualities of the vibrations that reach us are so intense that even the strongest goodwill becomes weakened." These words are taken from the book *The Messengers* written mediumistically by the great medium Chico Xavier. The spirit author is Andre Luiz. In the explanation, we begin to understand why many people nowadays are being challenged in their will. The vibratory fields are heavily loaded with "tremendous anger and grief" due to the battlefields existent nowadays.



"Bloody battles are being fought on the planet, and not just on the fields of battle, but also in the fields of thoughts and words, through anger and hatred. The armed conflict is everywhere. There are those who fight in the line of fire and those who fight in the lines of harmful thoughts by endlessly debating the situation. With war in everyone's mind, very few men and women lift their thoughts to a higher spiritual plane. As a natural consequence, dark clouds consisting of mental fragments of hateful and cruel individuals now accumulate, intensifying the magnetic storms."

Despite all that, enlightened and good-willed Spirits work very hard to control the magnetic storms formed by the destructive mental currents mentioned above. The role of those kind and loving Spirits

is to "prevent those storms from spreading lethal vibrations, which would catalyze a brutal expansion of mental illness and epidemic diseases."



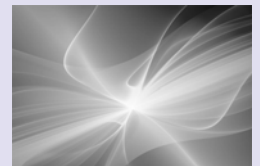
In the meantime, spiritual colonies struggle "to meet even the minimal needs of the newly deceased who come from the battlefields." As reported by Andre Luiz, the groups of deceased spirits in these conditions are transported to different areas of the spiritual colonies to be treated from the traumas of the war. And he adds that if it weren't so, "the gatherings of those suffering spirits would be fatal for those who remain incarnated. They would generate a focal point of disharmony, with unpredictable results."

In reality, there are no winners in a war. From the spiritual view, it is even worse. Both sides become more interdependent.

"We pay a high price for our disagreements and dislike of each other. War is an act of great violence that mesmerizes not only the people on Earth, but also immense populations within the invisible spheres. Those who do not use guns to kill in battle, brandish speech and thought as weapons of emotional destruction. All of us, will pay a price."

BASKETS OF LIGHT PROJECT

In order to minimize the price of the war that we shall collectively pay, let us counterbalance the magnetic storms formed by the battlefields on Earth. The project Baskets of Light is this opportunity. Every Monday, at 7 PM, meditate and visualize **baskets of light** filled with ointments and remedies that shall be given to the Spirit doctors, nurses and therapists who, in turn, will carry them to the war zones in order to relieve the pain and anguish, promoting healing for peace.



We invite you to join us either by yourself or with your organization or group. Let us promote peace, the true peace that vibrates harmony beyond words! ■

- by Vanessa Anseloni



Events in the U.S.

The 4th Family Spiritist Retreat

There was a special kind of look in the eyes of the people who went to the Fourth Spiritist Family Retreat, last July 8th, at the Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT. Family and friends from the Spiritist Centers all the way from Massachusetts to Connecticut, from Maryland to New York and New Jersey were happier than usual. Even the park rangers praised the group saying they were very joyful and organized.

The sunny day was a blessing from God to complete the scene of that wonderful Sunday, in contact with Mother Nature. As the families kissed and hugged each other to the tunes of "The House of the Sun", it was possible to see the expression of fraternal love in every one's face.

The idea of the Family Spiritist Retreat came after the second meeting of Educators of Spirits - another event organized by the spiritist centers of the Northeast of the USA. They wanted to make a special event for children and teenagers, but decided to include the entire family instead, for it was easier to bring the whole group to a park than bringing only the youngsters. Since then, there have been around three hundred people every year who participate in this event.

This is the fourth edition of the Family Spiritist Retreat. In previous years, we have studied "Educating for Peace and Love in Family", "Fraternity in Family", and "Liberty and Discipline". All the previous events were organized with three languages: English, Portuguese and Spanish. This year, however, more emphasis was given to the English language, since we wanted to quicken the announcements and strengthen the Spiritist Movement in the English language in the United States.

The first activity of this year's retreat was to create a choreography with the theme: "My family is a team". Every body was surprised with the dedication and expressiveness of the youngsters. The apex of emotion, however, was yet to come with the performance of the adult

groups. Dancing to Italian, Brazilian and American songs, they made everybody laugh, clap, sing and cry, as they demonstrated that love alone is capable of helping the families couple with the hardest struggles in life.

In the afternoon, the families were asked to plan their reincarnation amongst a group of extended family members of twenty Spirits who were identified by a ribbon around their wrists. Then, they were required to overcome together a series of trials and atonement, like building their own house, running through obstacles by jumping in pairs inside a sack, and spelling the letters of a virtue while skipping rope with the help of other families in the mini-community of the park. After each accomplished task, they would receive one or more bills of hour-bonus, according to their merit. The analogy with the Earthly existence was perfectly matched, with lots of confusion, exciting and frustrating moments and accidents.

In the end, each family member placed their earned hour-bonuses on a big puzzle to form an amplified picture of Jesus. Many were flabbergasted by this grand finale. It was as if He had been watching over us during that short representation of life. Some pieces of the puzzle, however, were missing, showing to us that every

one's part is important, as small as it may seem.

Many good memories will stay in the minds of every one. We have heard from some children that they do not want to only participate, in the next year's retreat, but they want to help with its organization too. Some people are still using the ribbon around their wrists, as a reminder of those lovely moments lived as a family during the retreat.

- by Nahur Fonseca

(Fernanda Ferreira and Eduardo Vasconcellos contributed to this article)



Some pictures from the 4th Family Spiritist Retreat that happened last July 8th, at the Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT. More than 350 people participated in the retreat. To see more photos, please go online at: www.ssbaltimore.org/Photos/2007/family-retreat-CT

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace.

A soul generated by love.

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If I had waited for a more evolved spiritual condition to be of service, I would, as yet, not have commenced."

- Chico Xavier

Auta de Souza Fraternal Meeting in MA

The 1107th **Auta de Souza Fraternal Meeting** was held in Marlboro, MA, on July 22, 2007. The central theme was Reincarnation and the keynote address was given by Vanessa Anseloni when she talked about *Reincarnation – Path to Freedom*. The successful event gathered about 200 people from different cities in the United States such as Somerville, Lowell, Foxboro, Peabody, New York City, and Baltimore. The event also had 2 speakers from Manaus, Brazil. The whole event was organized and sponsored by the Allan Kardec Spiritist Society of Marlboro.

The meeting was very energetic with lots of spiritist music on the theme reincarnation. The enthusiasm of the meeting was viewed, for the first time, through live webcast thanks to the coordination of Daniel Santos, responsible for the U.S. branch of the International Spiritist Council's webTV.

In the afternoon, the attendees were given the opportunity to choose one of four specific courses, among them: *Parenthood for Modern Times* by Vanessa Anseloni; *Endearing Gems from Francisco Cândido Xavier* by Jussara Korngold; *Reincarnation and obsession* by Cesar Campos Borges; and *Spiritist View of Physical/Mental Disabilities* by Marcelo Mouco Fernandez. The first two courses were held in the English language, whereas the last two happened in Portuguese. In the meantime, children and youth also had their courses taking place. At the end of the meeting, children and youth presented a play and song related to the central theme of the meeting.

This was the second time that the Auta de Souza Fraternal Meeting took place in the United States. The seed for the third one was planted as many leaders of the northeast U.S. spiritist centers were present. The main goal of future meetings is to keep focusing on spreading the word to the English speaking public.

- Gabriela Ferreira



Spiritist Directors and Workers' Meeting in MA

On Saturday, July 21, the day before the Auta de Souza Meeting, several Spiritist directors and workers of the region of Massachusetts got together for a workshop conducted by Vanessa Anseloni (president of the Spiritist Society of Baltimore) at the headquarters of the Allan Kardec Spiritist Society of Marlboro, MA. The workshop was entitled *The Spiritist Therapy for Immigrants* and its main goal was to bring insights and strategies for directors of Spiritist centers so they can empower their community of immigrants to live a better life.



To read the biography of Auta de Souza and to see more photos of this event, please go online at www.ssbaltimore.org/Photos/2007/Auta-2007/

SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

The Inaugural Workshop Series was a great success

On July 24th, 2007 the Spiritist Society of San Diego (SSSD) held their last workshop of our "Inaugural Series". The title was "Nosso Lar, Stories about an Afterlife Home". They began the series on July 3rd with "Science and Spiritism", then on July 10th "Demystifying Mediumship" and on July 17th Bernadete Leal awarded us with a great lecture on "Inner Transformation".

"We would like to share with you that we are extremely happy with the wonderful and inspiring group that has blessed us with their presence in our services. We received a lot of support and encouragement to continue the work and expand our activities going forward. Therefore, we have no option other than consolidate and expand the Spiritist Society of San Diego. For that, we ask God to give us courage and balance and the Higher Spirits to support us in every step of the way." – said Anisio Resem.

For more information on the SSSD activities please go to: www.sssandiego.org



NEW SPIRITIST SOCIETY IN NEW YORK

Inner Enlightenment Spiritist Society

On August 7th, 2007, a new spiritist center was born in the USA. The **Inner Enlightenment Spiritist Society** was founded by Eduardo Guimaraes and friends. This is the second spiritist society in New York to offer all of its services in the English language only. The opening ceremony happened on their temporary space at 29-28 Newtown Avenue, Astoria, NY, 11106. The keynote address was given by Julio Carvalho, president of the *Divine Light Spiritist Center* in New Jersey. For more information, please contact them at 1-718-729-3034 or innerenlightenment@yahoo.com. Their website will come soon!



Allan Kardec Spiritist Society of Massachusetts - AKSSMA Workshop Series



On July 27th, Mauricio Cisneiro visited the AKSSMA. There he presented a workshop entitled "Action and Reaction: Dynamic Karma". Mauricio was one of the founders of the Christian Spiritist Study Center in Pompano Beach-FL. He is actively involved in the State's Spiritist Federation as its vice president and is one of the directors of the United States Spiritist Council.

Check the AKSS-MA website for a list of upcoming workshops in English: www.akssma.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Spiritist Event in Long Island, NY

The Spiritual ABC's of Anxiety, Stress and Depression

by Vanessa Anseloni

Those Left Behind Understanding Suicide from a Spiritist View

by Jussara Korngold



Saturday, Sep 22, 2007
1:30pm - 4:30pm

Sponsored by:

Long Island Spiritist Doctrine Study Group

Call for more information: (631) 750-5419

website at www.lispiritistdoctrine.com

A special workshop

The Dynamics of Our Sixth Sense

by Vanessa Anseloni

Inspired in the book *The Dynamics of Our Sixth Sense* by the renowned Spiritist medium Divaldo Franco, this workshop brings hands-on information and practical insights on the power of our minds and its infinite abilities to perceive the world within and around us. In this venue, mediumship is presented as a therapeutic tool for humanity's greatest problems.

Tuesday, Sep 11, 2007
7:30 – 9:00 PM

Tyson's Corner Healing Centre
8206 Leesburg Pike, Suite 201
Tysons Corner, VA 22182

(Next to Bed Bath & Beyond) Free parking front,
back lots and Bed Bath & Beyond's parking lot)

- FREE ADMISSION -

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Sunday, Sep 30, 2007

Inner Enlightenment Spiritist Society

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USSC Double Celebration

150th Anniversary of the Spirits' Book

10th Anniversary of the
United States Spiritist Council

18 November 2007
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Marriot at Metro Center
775 12th Street, NW
Washington D.C., 20005

Admission is free and registration
is required. Participants
can register at the USSC's website,
via U.S. Postal Service using the form on
the flyer or by FAX at (240) 453-0361.

The United State Spiritist Council (USSC) will promote a double celebration on **November 18, 2007 - 10AM - 6PM** in Washington, DC. The meeting will celebrate the 150th anniversary of The Spirits' Book and the USSC 10th Anniversary.

The meeting will have the presence of the two renowned Spiritist Mediums from Brazil: Divaldo Franco and Prof. Raul Teixeira.

For information on registration and the whole program, please visit the USSC website at:

www.usspiritistcouncil.com

Spiritism in the News

Vanessa Anseloni is interviewed at radio and TV stations in Western New York



On July 23rd, while participating at the Auta de Souza Fraternal meeting in Marlboro, MA, Vanessa Anseloni Psy.D., Ph.D. was interviewed on the phone by Ellen Bourn's talk show "Cosmic Connections" on **WKBW 1520, Buffalo, NY**. Great interest was drawn to understand the Spiritist view on indigo and crystal children.



Four days later, on July 27th, Vanessa Anseloni was also interviewed at **ABC local and live TV program AM Buffalo (NY)** by its host Linda Pellegrino. The president of Lily Dale Ellen Bourn was also on the show. As with the radio station, the focal point of the TV interview was related to the understanding of the Spiritist view on indigo and crystal children. The public at large asked Dr. Anseloni questions over the phone during the interview.



Thursdays @ 8:00 pm
Saturdays @ 7:30 pm

US Eastern time

website:

www.ssbaltimore.org

Check it out!

For more information on Spiritist Events in:

VIRGINIA, SAN DIEGO, FLORIDA
NEW YORK, BOSTON, MARYLAND, etc.

check the following websites:

www.ssbaltimore.org

www.sgny.org

www.sssandiego.org

www.kardec.com/english.asp

www.akssma.com/akssma_english

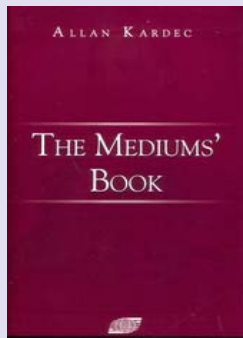
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To announce your Spiritist event (upcoming or past one), please submit a brief paragraph with/without photos to:
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"Spiritism requests us a permanent form
of charity - the charity of its own spreading"

-Emmanuel

Spiritist Books/CDs



New
Edition

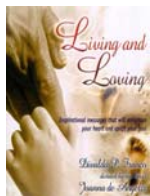
THE MEDIUMS' BOOK

by Allan Kardec

The Mediums' Book is one of the five volumes that comprise the Spiritist Codification. Its author, Allan Kardec, explains that *The Mediums' Book* combines "the special teachings of the Spirits concerning the theory behind all kinds of manifestations, the means of communicating with the invisible world, the development of mediumship, and the difficulties and pitfalls that may be encountered in the practice of Spiritism".

The Mediums' Book is the safest manual for all those who dedicate themselves to activities involving communication with the spirit world.

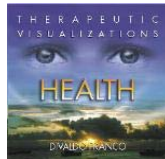
Translated by: ISC- Darrel W. Kimble & Marcia M. Saiz - 624 pages - Published by the **International Spiritist Council** - To order this book: www.sgn.org



Living & Loving

Divaldo Franco/
Joanna de Angelis

This book is for your day-to-day use. With beautiful inspirational messages, each page of this little book brings joy and comfort to all events of life.

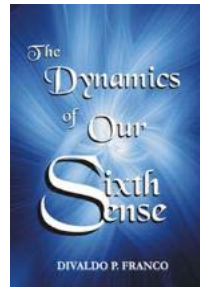


Therapeutic Visualizations

- Health - CD
Divaldo Franco

This CD is unique material brought by the spectacular mediumship of Divaldo Franco. His spirit-mentor, Joanna de Ângelis, gives us this spiritual tool to find pathways to balance and health...

(Voice: Greg Stewart)

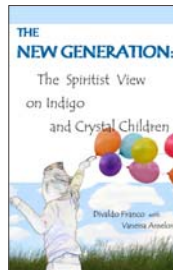


The Dynamics of Our SIXTH SENSE

by Divaldo Franco

This book came true as a result of a phenomenal workshop given by the Brazilian medium and speaker Divaldo P. Franco on July 22, 2006 in the auditorium of the Lily Dale Assembly. It crowned the *I Spiritist Weekend in Lily Dale*, sponsored by the Lily Dale Assembly.

This workshop represents an unforeseen study of our sixth sense, our mediumship. Divaldo Franco provides us with the definition of mediumship, its types, and its therapeutic features. Through his personal experiences, he enlightens us with considerations on the role of mediumship and its charitable purpose. The core of his teachings was of love and kindness. The end of the workshop was blessed with an uplifting trance channeled message of *Dr. Bezerra de Menezes* through Divaldo Franco's extraordinary mediumistic ability.



THE NEW GENERATION:

the Spiritist View on Indigo and Crystal Children
by Divaldo Franco with Vanessa Anseloni

This book was written by the great spiritual leader and humanitarian Divaldo Franco and the neuroscientist and Spiritist Vanessa Anseloni. This book encompasses a never-before put together multidisciplinary view on the challenges faced by the new generations. It brings relevant information in the areas of Neurosciences, Psychology and Spiritism to help people understand and educate the children of today's world who will be responsible for the great transition from a world of wars and suffering into a more fraternal and peaceful one.

Go online to order these books at www.ssbaltimore.org/bookstore

TRANQUILITY

1) Begin the day in the light of Prayer.
God's love never fails.

2) Accept any difficulty without much ado.
Today is time to do the best.

3) Work with joy.
The idler, even when appearing to be in a golden pedestal, is a thinking corpse.

4) Do people good as much as you can.
Each creature transits among his own creations.

5) Value the minutes.
Everything returns, except lost time.

6) Learn how to fulfill your duties.
If you don't believe in discipline, observe a car with no brakes.

7) Esteem simplicity.
Luxury is the mausoleum of those who approach death.

8) Forgive unconditionally.
Growing angry is the best way to lose.

9) Be gentle, especially at home.
Try serving members of your family the way you do with visitors.

10) For your own peace, remain loyal to yourself.
Remember that in the day of the Calvary the crowd applauded the triumphant cause of the crucifiers, but Christ, lonely and defeated, was God's cause.

Spirit: ANDRÉ LUIZ

Medium: Francisco Cândido Xavier

In: "O Espírito da Verdade" - FEB Edition

International Event

SPIRITIST DOCTRINE: 150 YEARS OF LIGHT AND PEACE

SPIRITIST WORLD CONGRESS

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA
OCTOBER 10-13, 2007
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Special Talk WHO IS AFRAID OF DEATH?

by Richard Simonetti

Who is afraid of death? offers good-humored insight on death. Richard Simonetti shows that far from being that horrible skull with its sinister scythe tearing our hopes apart, death is only a door that leads us into the spiritual world, where we have come from, where our true nation lies.



**Thursday, September 27, 2007
7:30pm-9:30pm**

Location:

SpiritWorks Resource Center
1300 York Rd - Building C - 300
Lutherville, MD 21093

Free
Admission



Richard Simonetti is one of the best-selling Spiritist writers in Brazil. He has many published titles selling out repeated editions. He has brought Spiritism to the general public in a clear and straightforward language filled with picturesque facts and anecdotes.

This event is sponsored by Spiritist Society of Baltimore, Inc. For more information: Phone: 410-382-5328 - e-mail: ssb@ssbaltimore.org - site: www.ssbaltimore.org

Special workshop

Sleep, Dreams and the Whole Nine Yards of the Soul's Emancipation

by Vanessa Anseloni

"The spirit is never inactive. The bonds connecting it and the body loosen during sleep." This interesting workshop sheds light on the following:

- Emancipation of the soul
- Sleep and dreams
- Visits between the spirits of incarnate people
- Transmission of thought
- Lethargy, catalepsy: apparent death
- Trance and second sight

**Saturday Sep 29, 2007
7:30pm - 9:15pm**

Location:

SPIRITWORKS Resource Center

1300 York Rd - Building C, Suite 300

LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093

***Spiritist Education for children above 4 years old is provided during the workshop**

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For more information, please call 410-382-5328

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FRATERNAL COUNSELING & SPIRITUAL TREATMENT

These services are offered every
Monday from 7pm to 7:45pm.

Mediumship Educational Meetings (by invitation only)

These meetings take place every
Monday from 8:00pm to 9:30pm
for the study and practice of
mediumship according to
Spiritism.

TALKS on THE SPIRITS' BOOK

A tribute to the 150th anniversary
to help us deepen our knowledge
on Spiritism. - Open to the public,
every **Thursday** from 8:00pm to
9:30pm.

Therapeutic Moments

*Every Saturday 7-8pm,
except on the day of our
monthly workshops*

Please, contact us for more info.
Phone: 410 - 382-5328 or
410-837-0991
e-mail: ssb@ssbaltimore.org

Activities are free of charge !!!

2007 SSB Calendar

SEPTEMBER

6 - Law of Reproduction
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

8 - Movie Discussion:
Yesterday's Children

16 - **SSB III Annual Retreat**

13 - Law of Preservation
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

20 - Law of Destruction
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

27 - **WHO IS AFRAID OF
DEATH?**
by Richard Simonetti
(Special Talk)

22- *The Parable of the Dry
Fig Tree*
(Therapeutic Moments)

29 - *Sleep, Dreams and the
Whole nine
Yards of the Soul's
Emancipation*
(workshop)
by Vanessa Anseloni

OCTOBER

4- Law of Society
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

6- Faith, The Mother of Hope
and Love
(Therapeutic Moments)

11 - Law of Progress
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

13 - Book Discussion:
*I love myself,
I am addiction-free*

18 - Law of Equality
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

25 - Law of Liberty
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

20 - Human and Divine Faith
(Therapeutic Moments)

27 - *Decoding the Bible with a
Spiritist key*
(workshop)
by Vanessa Anseloni

UPCOMING

2007 WORKSHOP SERIES

Aug 25 - Spiritual influence: who
is in control?

Sep 29 - Sleep, dreams and the
whole nine yards of the soul's
emancipation.

Oct 27 - Decoding the Bible with a
Spiritist key.

Free Admission !!!

Spiritist activities for CHILDREN (above 4
years old) are provided, while parents are
at Workshop
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

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Stay away from inferior conditions; acquire higher understanding.

- Emmanuel/Chico Xavier (Our Daily Bread, Ch.6, p.26)